PRAIRIE FIRES.

vastated of Vegetation.

Dismal Sight-Herds of Cattle Beasted.

Many Close Calls-

portion of Ford county a tract twenty miles square was burned over in side of two hours after the finme started. The cornfields are like so much tinder, and when the fire strikes one edge

the fall rains will bring out a wonderful crop of late grass and such vegetables as they may

LOCAL NOTES.

R. H. King and wife have gone to San Antonio and Corpus Christi to spend a few days. B. M. Whittington was yesterday taxed \$50,95 by County Judge Harris for carrying a gun.

John C. Cella, who has been sick abed for some time, is recovering rapidly, and will soon be on his feet again.

A. C. and James Connelly each files suit in

county court for \$1000 damages against the Fort Worth land and street railway company. The case arises out of a collision on Annie street.

Lunatic Allen was conveyed to the Terrell asylum yes orday by Deputies Smith and Elliott. The fellow was obstreperous and had to be ironed before he could be made to travel.

A man named Slater, about fifty years old, was convicted of lunary before Judge Harris yesterday. He was brought in by his brother from near Crowley, and is recently from Oklo-

P. J. Bowdry, G. W. Craig and John Holland were crossing lower Main street last evening when a collision occurred between one of the electric cars and the carriage in which they rode. Nobody was hust. The buggy was some-what damaged.

Yesterday morning C. A. Hall killed a canine beast which was believed to be mad and which had taken lodgment under the residence of J. Van Rensalaer on the South Side. The owner of the dog asserts it was not mad and wants in-demnity from Mr. Hall.

Yesterday Sheriff Richardson received a let-ter from Italy, Tex., stating that the writer, John Price, had in his possession a mule adver-tised as lost by a contractor working on the streets of Fort Worth. The mule is described

No Freight Moving.

New York, Aug. 9 .- Not a single freight train

left the yards to-day and none arrived. The

force of men employed in the yards is not suf-

force of men employed in the yards is not safficient to handle the usual freight traffic of the road, but yesterday they had very little. Today Mr. Webb will make streamous efforts to run freight trains Monday, both on the West Shore and New York Central. "We will hold a meeting here to-morrow, Sunday," Mr. Webb said to-day, "and decide what we shall do in regard to freight trains, I think we will have enough men by Monday to get everything in running order. I am well safsfied with the way in which the passenger trains were sent out to-day, and don't

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J. J. Holland spent the most of the day in the Grand Union hotel, in conference with representative strikers. He told the reporters he couldn't say anything about the prohabilities for Monday, beyond that the men would fight hard. He couldn't tell, he said, whether the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers would call out their siembers or not.

There were many statements made yesterday regarding the number of men on strike. The men themselves say there were three or four thousand while the railroad officials maintained there were about 3.0 or 400 out.

Township investment.

POWDERLY INTERVIEWED.

Special to the Gazette.

THE THE PROPERTY

ANOD IS AS GOOD AS A W

Don't wait for a brick house to fall on you before you take a tumble yourself. We shall this week inaugurate

A Suicidal Sale,

Which will sink into insignificance and oblivion anything that has yet been perpetrated in Texas. Values will be slashed to pieces, and throughout the week will obliterate all landmarks and wipe out all memories of the bygones. Our stock consists of the finest

MERCHANT TAILOR-MADE CLOTHING

In the country and comprises the Fabrics of

Wide Wales, Corkscrews, Cassimeres, Black Cheviots, Worsteds, Tweeds.

It is unnecessary to comment upon the QUALITY of our garments, as almost everybody knows that we handle the finest only.

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SECOND EDITION

REBELLION IN CAMP.

Opposition to Harrison Sending in a Message Indorsing Reciprocity.

Foundation of the Whole Protective System Shaken-Another bad Cass of Rush Developed in the Rouse-

Won't Listen to It. Special to the Gazette.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- The announce that President Harrison had come around definitely to Mr. Blaine's views on the question o reciprocity has involved the presipent in now trouble. The supporters of Mr. Reed and of the McKinley bill are greatly displeased at the prest dent yielding to Mr. Blaine and made haste to le Mr. Harmson know it in the most emphatic manner. They have been outspoken in their protests and have badgered the president until it is said that gentleman's customary placidity has quite deserted him. They will not hear of his sending a message to congress indorsing the his sending a message to congress motions that reciprocity idea and deciare that such action would alienate the great manufacturing interests from the party and shake to its foundation the whole protective system.

CONGRESS AN'S LOT NO RED OF ROSES.

The house books not with another, had case of

consumental States of the body and the house broke out with another bad case of 'rash' this morning. Pending a call of the house, Enlos of Tennessee attempted to leave the floor on public business in another portion of the capitol, but was stopped by one of the doorkeepers. Enlos showed the guardian aside and west out. Upon his refurn he presented a resolution of censure against the obstreperous doorkeeper. After a warm debate touching the question of a member's privilege the resolution was sent to the judiciary committee. The findent created considerable excitement and is only another evidence of the bad temper in which the house finds itself at this unseasonable period of the year when the members are on the antions seat, harassed by the speaker here and their political enemies at home, who endeaver to knife their prospects, and altogether a conto knife their prospects, and altogether a con-gressman's life this summer is not a happy one.

or knife their prospects, and altogether a congressman's life this summer is not a happy one. DOING MISSIONARY WORK.

Mr. E. Mont Reily, a prepossessing young man who claims Fort Worth as his home, stood at the entrance of the Metropolitan and calmiy announced to your correspondent that he lived in the best town in Texas, It was only afew days ago that a man from Dalkas had affirmed the same thing of his blace, and just a week since a San Antonio citizen remarked that the Alamo city was the only genuine metropolis of this Lone Star siate. Galveston and Houston had put in similar claims in the columns of the Post, but Mr. Relly's statement was allowed to go unchallenged. He told also of how "the Fort" his grown from a fronter hamlet to an important relirond and commercial center within an increabily short time. He was bound for Boston and hoped to induce 1000 New Euglanders to betake themselves to the Queen City of the prairies. City of the prairies.

Washington, Aug. 9.—The secretary of the interior has received a telegram from Mr. Bennett, Indian agent at Muscogee, I. T., saying that the Chicksaaw situation is serious, and that there is great dancer of an outbreak on the 15th instant, one of election, on account of the distranchisement of squaw men. In a communication to the president, the secretary to-day expresses the polinion that there is no great probability of an outbreak to such an extent as to require interference of troops, set as a precaution he recommonds that the secretary of war be directed to have such troops as are at Fort Gibson in complete readiness to resp nd to an order that may be necessary to suppress riot at election. In reply to Agent Bennett's telegram the secretary directs that no request for assistance of troops be made unless riots of a damerous character actually break out. The government, ne says, does not intend to display the force of troops umit the last emergency. nett, Indian agent at Muscogee, I. T., saying troops until the last emergency.

Programms of the Force Bill.

actually made by Sennior Hoar's committee in the Federal election bill, in preparing it to report to the senate, was greater than expected. During the recent stages of the hills progress the shollition of the "bayonet clause" and of the provision for the house to house ranvass is believed to have been made by the committee with an ulterior purpose. It was obvious that the Democ ats were going to attack the bill in the senate on the ground that it authorized the use of an armed force to infinence civic elections and descillary visits which would give rise to an inquisition hater that the proposition near the total the constitutional question as a ground for controversy. On this constitutional question as a ground for controversy. On this constitutional question as a ground for controversy. On this constitutional question the population of the subject to prolong the controversy in the senate, and thus it is hoped by shearing the bill of its main object in the properties one which will be controversy in the senate, and thus it is hoped by shearing the bill of its main objectionable elements and leaving for its only dubious feature one which will not give much chance for debate, to get a vote this session without a great deal of trouble. The next stage in the programme will be to send the amendments are to be noncurred in. Then a conference will be called for. The president Washington, Aug. 9 .- The number of change, actually made by Sennior Hoar's committee in

of the senate may be trusted, according to usual custom, to select a senatorial conferee, under guidance of the coarriman of the committee on privileges and elections. Hear, who will see to it that they are unswerving friends of the bill. In the house the speaker will be guided by Chairman Long, who will take like precantion. When all conferces get together it will be found that the Republicans from the house will insist upon having bayonet and domiciliary visit previsions restored to the act. One or both of the Republicans from the senate will agree with them: at all events it is beleived to be on the programme that conference report shall turn the act over to both houses in about the shape in which it emerged from the house of regresentatives, some weeks ago. After that it is hoped to make quick work of the final passage of the act. In the house there will of course be no trouble at all, and in the senate it is expected that all parties will be too worn out to do much fencing over the report. It is likely to be the policy, therefore, of the Democratic senators to treat the bill now as if it were still in as offensive a state as ever, and to make its inexpediency the chief basis of debate, instead of letting themselves better into the Republican trap. the Republican trap.

Remarkable Colored Colony. Special to the Gazette.

Washington, Aug. 9.-A remarkable colony of colored people has been discovered by the census enumerators in Kiowah Island, one of the string of cotton producing reefs off the coast of South Carolina. The property is still in the possession of the family of the ante-bellum haron who first made it productive. It is the only region in the world in which all the inhabitants are English speaking, rending and writing begroes. Every speaking, reading and writing begroes. Every man can read and write, every child of suitable age can also read and write, and the women are just as intelligent as the men. All are prosper-ing under the wase rule of a mulatto caeque namet Quass Stephens, whose wife was respon-sible for the education of the people during her cight years residence, speaking, reading and wr

Washington, Aug. 9.-The resolution introduced in the scnate to-day to limit debate in that body is the one adopted by the Republican that body is the one adopted by the Republican caucus, but it was presented upon Mr. Hoar's own motion. So far as can be learned there has been no action taken by any number of Republican senators to support the resolution at this or any other definite time, and it has gone, with many others of like nature, to the committee on rules, which has bereitofore and until now proven the verlable tomb for all such propositions.

Washington, Aug. 9.-The president and party, consisting of Secretaries Noble and Rusk and Frivate Secretary Halford, left Washington this morning to attend the encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic at Boston next week. The train is scheduled to arrive at Jersey City at 3:20 this afternoon, where the party will embark on the tug Catalpa, which will take them to the United States steamer Baltimore. The steamer will get under way at 50° clock and is not expected to reach Boston until late Monday afternoon, as she will lie over in the sound during Sunday. party, consisting of Secretaries Noble and Rusk

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Pickwick: C F Plummer, St Louis, Mo: F M Houts, Paris; W S Bemis. Jefferson; W A Bobirds and wife, Texas; E D Farmer, Chicago, Ill; E Mayer, Charleston, S C; CJ Larimer, Texas; C B Stuart, E P Hill, Gainesville; William Enders, A H Wernse, St Louis, Mo: J H Preswell, San Antonio; J W Jackson, W A J Davis, Obion, Tenn; F C Phillips, Bowie; W M Eldridge, Virginia; R B Hall, Texas; M L S King, Pacific express company: F W Robertson, St Louis, Mo: J R Williams, Thurber: C C Hill, Wea herford; A F McCarchy, San Angelo; Peyton P Edwards and wife, El Paso; E Penion, Jr, Kansas City; D R Anthony, Lew envolve, Kan; J H Alford, Kansas City; C S Ccbb, Eaton Rapids, Mich; W H Cobb, Charlotte; O McGowen, Cotton Belt route; T Catons Evans, Chicago; N H Dickey, Kansas City; F S Kerr, Vernon; B H Davis, El Paso; George S Alexander, Dallas; J J Rhodes, Honey Grove; E C Rhodes, Henderson, Tenn; Sam H Dixon, Southern Mercury; J W Hickey, Cleburne: Walter H Davidson, Philadelphia, Pa; R E Sanders, Lamar; T C Shoemaker, Decatur; J W Miller, Weatherford; J B Whitney, Louisville, Ky; E B Givins, Dallas; S J Hingston, Kansas; J E Johnson, East Liverpool, Obio; W R Butler, Clarendon; T C Molaby, Arkansas; J M Thompson, Vernon; A L Matlock, Texline; J W Berryman, W H Webster, St Louis; W R Logan, Galveston; G D Lane, C H Duffey, St Louis, Orfree, J E Cliver and wife, Hastrop; J V Goode, Fort Worth and Denver City railway.

organized labor. This strike is taken as final protest against such discrimination, which had become unbearable. Mr. Powderly said the employes of the road have a perfect organization from New York to Buffalo. All of those organizations are not members of the Knights of Labor, but their action is a conclusive one, and there will be perfect unity. The order to quit work will be obeyed by all. Mr. Powderly said: "I noticed that the statement is made that C. M. Depew is not held responsible for the trouble, but the discharge of the men didn't take place without his knowledge or consent. On the contrary, before he went to Europe his men were being victimized, so he is as responsible as he was before he sailed for the old world. He is not a pauper, and as a consequence, can afford to use the electric cable. He has his finger on the key at the other end, and knows all that is transpiring in this country pertaining to his own interests. If was asserted last May that some of the under officials of the Vanderbilt lines were in the pay of agents of the Gould system, and were anxious to bring trouble on that company, and therefore influenced the officials of the Central to make war on workines. The stockholders and those who really own the New York Central that he was consequenced to organized men and are not responsible for this strike, but they are neglecting their own interest in not watching the officials closer." Western Counties in Kansas Being De-Vast Stretches of Country Present a Most Dodge City, Kan .. Aug. 9 .- That which the Kansas farmers have feared has come to pass. Prairie fires are devastating the western counties of the state, and are spreading in spite of the most strenuous efforts of the people to check them. In Ford and Edwards counties the fires appear to break out from spontaneous combustion, and they burn so flercely that they sweep over large tracts of country, leaving nothing but the bare ground in the track. In the northern

SPORTING.

Northern Baseball. Sr. Louis, Mo., Aug. 9,—St. Louis-Runs, 3; base hits, 5; errors, 4. Brooklyn-Runs, 4; base hits, 4; errors, 2. Batteries-Stivitts and Munyan, Murphy and Pkz. Umpire-Curry. CHICAGO, ILL., Aug. 9.—Chicago—Runs, 10; ba-e hita, 13; errors, 2. Buffalo—Runs, 7; base hits, 10; errors, 3. Batteries—King and Farrell, Keefe and Mack. Umpires—Pearce and Sayder. Phitsburg, Pa., Aug. 9.—Pittsburg—Runs, 4; base hits, 9; errors, 2. Chicago—Runs, 6; base hits, 9; errors, 1. Batterles—Gumbert and Wilson, Luby and Kittridge.

New York, Aug. 9.—New York—Runs, 0; base hits, 5; errors, 4. Brooklyn—Runs, 5; base hits, 9; errors, 1. Batteries—Rusie, Clark and Buckley, Terry and Daley. Umpire—Powers.

the finme started. The cornfields are like so much tinder, and when the fire strikes one edge of the field it passes through it with the quickness of a flash of lightning.

Nearly all of the farmers are preparing for the advent of fire by burning patches around their homes, and this has proven to be a wise precantion in the case of Francis E. Clark, who lives in the nor heast corner of the county. When the farmers began to patrol the country for the purpose of preventing fires Clark strongly advocated the protection of each house by burning a strip around the buildings. He thus protected his own property. On Friday a fire was started about ten miles northeast of Dodge City and rapidly made its way before the southwest wind. Clark's house stood in the center of a large field of corn, which was dried yellow by the sun's action. A space of about a hundred feet had been cleared around the houses and the ground was perfectly bare.

When the fire reached the corn it was but an instant until it had passed clear across the field and the house stood in the center of a rearing mass of flames. It took the constant efforts of the entire family to prevent the houses from catching, and for two hours the fight was continued. Dozens of times the roof or sides of either the house of outvilled was voer the house had the appearance of having received a coat of black paint. Two fine colts and a cow that were in a lot broke away and flee before the fire, and their charred bodies were found in the field after the flames had passed.

Reports from these fires come from all parts of Powers.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—New York—Runs, 8; hase hits, 7; errors, 4. Philadelphis—Runs, 7; base hits, 9; errors, 4. Eatteries—Keefe and Ewing, Sanders and Milligan. Umpires—Gauney and Sheridan.

Boston, Mass., Aug. 9.—Boston—Runs, 2; base hits, 8; errors, 1. Brooklyn—Runs, 6; base hits, 10; errors, 1. Batteries—Dalley and Swett, Weyhing and Kinslow, Umpires—Furguson and Holbert. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 9 .- Louisville-Runs,

11; base hits, 14; errors, 1. Syracuse—Runs, 2; base hits, 5; errors, 2. Batteries—Stratton and Bligh, Casey and Burk. Umpire—Emsile. had passed.

Reports from these fires come from all parts of the counties mentioned, and in many instances there have been hair-breadth escapes from loss of life. So far there has been no loss of himan life or of buildings, but in numerous instances livestock has been destroyed, in addition to the destruction of crops of all kinds. The standing corn and grass has been swept as clean as a ficor, and the blackened earth presents a most dismal sight. Vast's retches of country where only a few weeks ago all was clothed in living green are now covered with ashes.

In Advards county on the farm of J. M. Wright a herd of twenty head of cattle was caught by fire and every one was killed. The cattle were in a pasture near the house, and when the fire started toward them they dashed ahead of the fiames and broke down the fence of a corn field. It was but a minute till the corn was on fire and the long tongues of flame leaged with such rapidity that the speed of an express train would not have saved the doomed animals. Mad with fright and pain their bellowing was so swift that their agony was soon over.

While every day hrings added danger to the farmers, they think that with proper care they will be able to save all except the vegetation, and console themselves with the thought that the fall rains will bring out a wonderful crop of late grass and such veretables as they may had passed.

Reports from these fires come from all parts of Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 9.—Columbus—Runs, 10; base hits, 9; error s, 3. Rochester—Runs, 2; base hits, 9; error s, 7. Hatteries—Barr and McGuire, Krauss and Doyle. Umpire—Doescher.

Toleno, Ohio, Aug. 9.—Toledo—Runs, 3; base hits, 7; errors, 2. Athletics—Runs, 7; base hits, 7; errors, 2. Ratteries—Cushman and Sage, McMainan and Baldwin. Umpire—Peoples, 2008. CLEVELAND, OHIO, Aug. 3.—Cleveland—Runs, 5; base hits, 5; errors, 1. Pittsburg—Runs, 1; base hits, 5; errors, 3. Batteries—Brantly and Sutcliffe, Staley and Quinn. Umpires—Knight and Jones.

Monmouth Park Races. MORMOUTH PARK, Aug. 9 .- There were not over 10,000 persons present when the bugle called the horses to the post.

First race—Free handiesp, sweepstakes, three quarters of a mile. Volunteer won handily hadstone, second; Terrifler, third. Time.

Madstone, second; Terrifler, third. Time, 1:161/4.

Second race—Amboy handicap, sweepstakes, for two-year-olds, taree-quarters of a mile. Scrocco won by two engths; Picknicker, second; Fairview, third. Time, 1:18.

Third race—Cape May handicap, sweepstakes for three-year-olds, mile and a furiong. Judge Morrow won easily by four lengths; Chaos, second; Can-Can, third. Time 1:381/2.

Fourth race—Free handicap sweepstakes, one mile and a quarter. Stockton won; Cynosiure, the only other entry, second. Tims, 2:151/4.

Fifth race—Free handicap sweepstakes; one mile. Eric won by a length; Defaulter, second; Delmo, third. Time, 1:46.

Sixth race—Sweepstakes for three year-olds and upwards. Daisy Woodruff won by a length; Autocrat. second; Vardee, third. Time, 1:635/4.

Eventh rate—The Mirage stakes; one mile. Monroe won; Philosophy, second; My Fellow, third. Time, 1:451/4.

Sarrtoga Races. SARATOGA, N. Y., Aug. 9.—First race—Six furlongs. Kingston won; Warry, s.cond; Tom Hood, third. Time, 1:15%. Second race—Five furlongs. Palestine won; Monterey, second; Naunie O, third. Time,

1:254.
Third race—One mile and three-sixteenths.
Hypocrite won; Flood Tide, second; Uncle Bob,
third. Time, 2:0124.
Fourth race—One mile and a sixteenth. Rupert A won; Prince Forzo, second; Santiago,
third. Time, 1:4834.
Fifth race—One mile. Irene won; Satisfaction, second; Carry G, third. Time, 1:484.

CONGRESSIONAL.

The House Non-Concurs in the Senate Amendments to the Indian Appropriation Bill-

SENATE. as gray and figa-bitten with a scar on the left WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- Mr. Blackburn gave Preaching will to-day be conducted at the Mulkey Memorial church, corner St. Louis avenue and Ireland street, morning and evening. Morning subject, "The Moral Power of a Good Woman;" evening subject, "The Most Excellent Knowledge," All strangers are welcome to the church. John M. Barcus, pastor.

One of the happing features connected with notice that he would on Saturday, the 23d inst., submit the customary resolutions relative to the death of his late colleague, Mr. Beck, and ask the senate at that time to consider them.

Mr. Hoar offered his resolution for cutting off debate under certain circumstances and it was referred to the committee on rules.

The tariff bill was taken up, the question being on Mr. Butler's amendment to reduce the duty on cotton ties to 35 per cent. ad valorem. A long discussion ensued, participated in by Senators Vance, Daniel, Aldrich and Turple. A vote was at last taken on the amendment, and it was rejected by a strict party vote, year, 16; navs. 27. One of the happiest features connected with the election of Peter Sm.th as mayor of Fort Worth is a telegram of congratulation received by him a couple days ago from little six-year-old Fanue Burns. Fannie is one of Assistant City Secretary H. V. Burns' win girls, and was rescued by Peter Smith from the Spring Palace. Hence her interest in Col. Smith's success. She is sow with her mother and sister at Eureka eprings, Ark.

Mr. Plumb moved to reduce the two and one-tenth additional duty on hoops when cut into lengths for baling purposes to one-tenth cent. There were two yea and nay votes on this amendment in which Mr. Plumb was the only Bepublican voting yea, but as there was no quorum on either occasion the senate adjourned. HOUSE. HOUSE.

Some time ago ex-City Engineer Frank Kane presented to the city a claim for \$150 for the use of certain private instruments while an officer of the city. The council would not allow the account and the claimant carried the same into court. The case came up before Justice Beynolds yesterday with Capt. Ford for the plaintiff and Assistant City Attorney Jackson for the city. Judgment was given the plaintiff for \$145.50. Notice of appeal was given. WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—On motion of McKin-ley of Ohio, by unsalmous consent the senate joint resolution was passed accepting from the Grand Army of the Republic a statue of Gen. joint resolution was passed accepting from the Grand Army of the Republic a statue of Gen. U. S. Grant.

The speaker then stated that a vote was upon the resolution of the committee of rules providing that after the two hours debate it shall be in order to move a non-concurrence in the senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill. The resolution was adopted—yeas, 143; mays, 107.

Mr. Enloe, rising to a question of privilege, said that pending the call of the house he was present in his seat. He had then started out of the house without his hat to attend to business in the capitol. In passing out of the door the doorkeeper told him that he could not pass. He replied that he would pass out. The doorkeeper said that he would pass out. The doorkeeper to the doorkeeper thereupon caught him by the arm and attempted to arrest him. He offered a resolution to bring the doorkeeper to the bar of the house for contempt of the house, and for a breach of the privileges of a member.

The speaker, in ruling on the question, said as this resolution raised a question which must be disposed of by the house, the chair ruled it to be admissible. The resolution was referred to the judiciary committee.

The house then proceeded under special order to consideration of the senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill, and after debate the vote recurred upon the motion to nonconcur in the senate amendments. This was agreed to, Yeas, 139; nays, 2. Rev. J. L. Griffin, a colored exhorter of great ability, has been conducting successful services in the southeastern part of the city. He has organized an independent Baptist congregation with for v-six members; also an L. and S. S. society with ninty-two members. They desire to creet a \$2000 church, Rev. Griffin is known as the "sin killer," and has already gained wide reputation as a divine. He formerly preached nder a dispensation granted by the governor of

THE GARRITE'S dispatches from Dallas yesterday contained the information that Sheriff J. C. Fichardren of Tarrant county had been fined \$100 by Conn y Judge Bower of Dallas for failure to make return of process. Capt. Richardson has earned a reputation for diligence and prompthess in the discharge of his duties, and it appears that the Dallas judge acted rather too hastily in this matter. The books of the sheriff's office show that a subpress for service upon one W. E. Ditto arrived from Dallas on August 5, and was returned on August 7 with the indorsement that no such man was to be found. On August 8 Judge Bower fined Capt. Richardson for delay in the process. If there is any fault in the matter it is with the United States mails.

THE COUNTRY'S COTTON.

August Report of the Department of Agricult. ure at Washington-

Washington, Aug. 9.—The August cotton re-turns of the department of agriculture shows a light advance in the condition in the Carolinas, Tennessee, Mississippi and Louisiana; a fail of 1 per cent, in Georgia and Ziorida; 2 per cent, in Alabama; 4 per cent in Arkansas; 7 in Texas. The general average is 89.5. It was 91.4 last month. The condition therefore is still relatively high. The improvement in the Mississippi river bottom is from the rapid growth of late plantings of the submerged area. Fair stand, vigorous growth and abundant fruiting is generally reported. There are frequent references to drouths, in some instances of several weeks duration, followed by sufficient rainfall, in some places by crossaive rains, yet there has been no general drouth and the local estimates indicate a small reduction of the condition. One acction of a country is reported dry, while another is too wet. The averages of the condition are as follows: Virgina, 93; North Carolina, 56; South Carolina, 56; Georgia, 51; Florida, 50; Alabama, 80; Mississippi, 30; Louisiana, 80; Texas, 82; Arkansas, 85; Tennessee, 93. of 1 per cent. in Georgia and Fiorida; 2 per SCHANTON, PA., Aug. 9.—General Master the low workman Powderly, when asked his views concerning the great strike on the New York Central and Hudson River railroad, said that some time since it was reported to him that the employes of that line were being discriminated against, the discharged men all being known as leaders of Arkam

A FRISKY GOVERNOR.

Gossip About Indian Territory's New Executive-Stricken with Paralysis-Thought to be Dying.

Special to the Gazette. GUTHRIE, I. T., Aug. 9 .- Maj. E. S. Dodd, * prominent lawyer and leading Democrat of this city, was to-day stricken with paralysis while out riding, and is yet in a critical condition. His physician entertains a hope for his recovery. When brought to his office he was perfectly helpless. It was only by a strong application of a galvanic battery that signs of life were restored. It is thought the paralytic stroke was brought on by over activity and exposure to heat during the political campaign just closed, and in which he labored incessantly in the interest of his party.

tivity and exposure to heat during the political campaign just closed, and in which he labored incessantly in the interest of his party.

The Evening Democrat of this city published an article in defense of Governor Steele and the lady whose same was connected with his in a sensational story a week ago. It has been quite generally remarked that the Republican papers here did attempt to refute the scandal after it had become notorious, and the refutation, coming as it does at this late hour and through a Democratic paper, is the subject of much speculative comment. There is a diversity of opinion as to the guilt or innocance of the parties concerned, and their prominence in their respective offices and social positions gives the scandal more than ordinary significance. No one had any sympathy for the governor, but the lady and her husband, especially the latter, are to be pitted, as they have heretofore enjoyed the best of standing in the upper social circles in which they moved. It is said by those who claim to know whereof they speak that this is not the first time his excellency has been mixed in such affairs, and he enjoyed the reputstion of leading a fast life in Washington while a member of congress from Indiana, Be that ast t may, he has shown a tendency for fastness in that line since he came here. In this instance he exhibits a stolid stubbornness and says he don't give a d—n what they publish on him, but he regrets the unpleasant position in which the lady is placed. What the outcome will be remains to be seen, as to-day has developed renewed interest on the part of the public. A telegram from Edmond late this afternoon amounces that Hon. H. W. Reynolds, member-elect to the legislature from the territory as a leading Republican politician. In case of his death there will be two vacancies to fill by special election, but untit to-day hopes for his recovery were entertained. His death would be a great loss to journalism and to the territory he represents so ably,

CROP REPORT.

Statistics Reported from the Department at Washington-WASHINGTON, Aug. 9 .- There is a reduction it

the condition of all cereals, as reported by statis tician of the department of agriculture. The de cline from the first of July to the first of Angust is from \$3.1 to 73.3 in corn, from \$1.4 to \$3.3 in spring wheat, from \$1.5 to 75.7 in oats. A fall of 39 points indicates the disaster which has befallen the corn crop within thirty days. The cause is the shormally high temperature of the Central maize district, with an insufficiency of rainfall. Returns of the drought, which covered a broad area, and the severity of which it produced, are more general and depressing than the signal service record of temperature appears to indicate. One factor in the blighting of vegetation is evidently in the hot winds that have scorched the lower basin of the Missouri valley and Ohio valley. The change from the drouth to daily anturation by repeated and heavy showers has been too sudden and extreme in those regions, where drout has been relieved by seasons of moisture. The crop is late in the New England states and will require a long, warm season to mature. In the Middle states a high temperature has advanced the growth in the northern district and in the more southern there has been some injury from the drout. The South Attantic states. cline from the first of July to the first of August season to mature. In the Middle states a high temperature has advanced the growth in the northern district and in the more southern there has been some injury from the drouth. The South Atlantic states report local drouth with subsequent rains and commaratively good, though somewhat reduced condition of corn. Some counties in Mississippi have suffered materially from the absence of seasonable moisture in Louistana the crop is in a high condition, though somewhat late in the overflowed districts. In Texas the crop is now matured and in good condition except in that area that has suffered most from drouth. Late planted corn in Arkansas has been seriously injured by drouth of the last three weeks in July. In the western and southwestern part of Kentucky the crop has been severely scorched, but rains since the 23a of July materially relieved the fields of the central and eastern district. In Ohio there is a great difference between the northern and southern parts of the state.

OFF FOR BOSTON.

Trouble the Presidential Par'y Has in Shaking Off Reporters in Jersey City.

Off Reporters in Jersey City.

New York, Aug. 9.—The presidential party arrived this afternoon by the Pennsylvania railroad on their way to Boston to attend the national Grand Army of the Republic encampment. In the party were President Harrison and Secretaries Rusk and Noble, Private Secretary Halford and Senator Evarts who accompanied them and left the party here. They were met at the station in Jersey City by Lieut. Hughes of the Baltimore Guards, who had been detailed by Admiral Gherarui to receive them. He escorted them to the governmenting Catalpa. Lieut. Hughes pushed Secretary Halford off the gamp plank on boarding the tug, mistaking him for a newspaper man. Two reporters, however, got aboard. Lieut. Hughes got in and yelled in all directions to every one to catch them. They were courteously received by the president and subsequently went estore unharmed. The tug then took the party to the Baltimore. The presidential flag was unfurled and a salute of twenty-one guns fixed. The cruiser then steamed off for Boston.

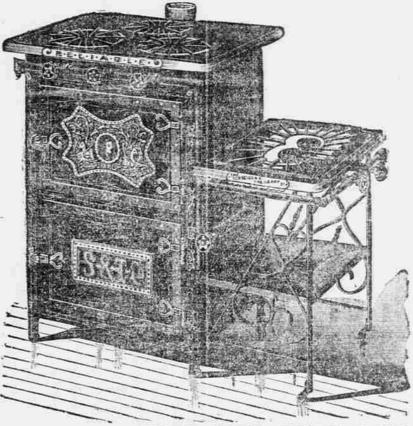
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